

Mandatory Allocation Of Fuel Oil On Way

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nixon administration has decided to impose a mandatory allocation system on home heating oil, government sources said.

The action, a reluctant abandonment of efforts to achieve a fair distribution of the scarce fuel by voluntary allocation, was expected within a few days, possibly even today, the sources said.

Mandatory allocation, designed to make sure northern areas receive heating oil this winter, was expected to include other forms of distillate oil such as diesel fuel, kerosene and jet fuel.

Sources said the administration also has decided on mandatory allocation of propane and adoption of a rule forbidding large boilers from switching from coal or high-sulfur oils to the burning of scarce low-sulfur fuels.

Those actions were withheld pending the final decision on heat-

ing oil and may be announced at the same time, one source said. The administration had attempted to avoid mandatory allocation, a form of government fuel rationing at the wholesale distribution level, by relying on the petroleum industry to follow government guidelines voluntarily.

John A. Love, director of the President's Energy Policy Office, told oilmen Aug. 16 that voluntary cooperation was not working and unless they made it work they would face mandatory allocation.

Later last month, administration officials were increasingly pessimistic about both the prospects for the winter fuel supply and whether voluntary allocation would distribute the fuel where it is most needed.

One source said the President approved mandatory allocation of

heating oil two weeks ago but then reconsidered to determine whether it could be done without including gasoline and other petroleum products.

These other products are expected to be omitted from the mandatory programs to be announced.

Administration officials say the nation's heating oil supply may be just barely adequate for a mild winter but that the slight shortage already anticipated could easily become severe under adverse conditions.

Stephen A. Wakefield, assistant secretary of the interior for minerals and energy, warned last week that heating oil shortages this winter could be bad enough to put people out of work, to close down schools and perhaps to leave some families in unheated homes.

Wakefield said Monday night in Memphis, Tenn., that proposals were placed before Nixon on Monday that would control heating fuel and propane, as well as set up an allocation system for gasoline.

He said Nixon was expected to approve the regulations within the next few days, possibly today.

Wakefield said the allocation plans would govern oil producers and distributors and allow "essential and priority" customers to receive adequate petroleum products. He described those customers as farmers, hospitals and schools.

The plan will be based on purchases during 1972, he said. An organization that bought 10,000 gallons of gasoline or heating oil last year would be insured of getting that amount or a fairly administered percentage of it, he explained.

BH To Help Superior Steel Get Funds

\$1 Million Bond Issue Will Modernize Plant

BY JIM SHANAHAN
BH City Editor

Benton Harbor city commission last night agreed to issue up to \$1 million in bonds for new machinery and reconstruction of a building at Superior Steel Castings Co.

The bonds will be issued under the state industrial development revenue act which is intended to stimulate industry by making funds available from low interest municipal bonds.

City Manager Charles A. Morrison said Superior Steel will use proceeds from the bond sale for modernization of what is known as the "green sand" building located in the interior of the Superior Steel complex on Graham avenue.

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Mechanically harvesting
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The equipment and building renovation is intended to put Superior Steel in a better competitive position and it is expected to add to employment that currently is over 400.

It will be Benton Harbor's first venture in industrial revenue bonds. The resolution adopted by the commission states the city will issue the bonds which will be amortized by payments from Superior Steel Castings.

According to the resolution, the issuance of bonds shall contain provisions to assure that "under no circumstances will the city, or its taxpayers or citizens ever be required to pay principal of and interest on, or any other costs" relating to the bonds.

The procedure has worked previously in this area when Watervliet and Covert township issued bonds on behalf of Watervliet Paper Co. and Consumers Power Co., respectively.

The Benton Harbor city commission's resolution said it was acting "to alleviate and prevent conditions of unemployment and to retain industry and to strengthen and revitalize the economy of the city . . ."

Interest rates on the bonds is not to exceed 7 per cent — several points lower than corporations are now paying.

The city must publish an intent to issue the bonds. The issue would be subject to a referendum if a petition is filed by at least 5 per cent of the electorate within 45 days after the notice of intent to issue.

Superior Steel Castings Co. is 57 years old and produces castings for the automotive and railroad industries and construction projects. Superior Steel Castings is a subsidiary of Mangan Corp., Chicago.



TALKS OF EUROPEAN TRIP: President Nixon tells a group of Italian tourists that he plans to visit Europe within the next few months Monday night after an unannounced trip to a Washington restaurant for dinner. First Lady Pat Nixon watches

as her husband talks to the crowd. The President made the surprise announcement while chatting with some of 150 persons waiting outside Trader Vic's Restaurant. (AP Wirephoto)

Illegitimate Births Nearing Record Despite Pill, Abortions

DETROIT (AP) — Although abortion became legal in Michigan last February, illegitimate births are approaching an all-time record, according to the state Health Department.

Illegitimate births have risen to 12,058 so far in 1973 compared to a record 10,928 in all of 1972, while total live births for the first six months in 1973 are down by 3,000 compared to the same period in 1972. Nearly 50,000 abortions have been performed since the law was passed, the department estimates.

However, low-income women, who are eligible for free

abortions, are having fewer abortions performed than women with average-or-above-average incomes, the department said.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield at first refused to pay for abortions except for those done in hospitals, which were performing only a few therapeutic abortions a month.

In May, Blue Shield reversed its policy but has paid for only 900 abortions to date. Spokesmen said policyholders apparently are paying out of their own pockets to conceal the fact.

Stevensville Plastic Package Firm Sold

Plastronic Packaging Corp. of Stevensville, a custom molder of expandable polystyrene protective packaging, has been sold to Southwest Forest Industries of Phoenix, Ariz.

Raymond E. Baker, board chairman of Southwest Forest, today announced completion of the transaction in a news release.

Southwest Forest Industries is a diversified marketing and manufacturing company, principally involved in paper packaging products, building

the successful young corporation. He and his wife both are active in community organizations. He is currently vice president of the Lakeshore board of Education, and his wife is a member of the board of trustees of St. Joseph Memorial Hospital.

Plastronic will retain its three plants operated by Plastronic, at Stevensville; Ozark, Ark., and Sparta, Wis.

No price was cited, but rumors in local business circles suggested a figure around \$2 million.

Plastronic will operate as a subsidiary of Southwest Forest Industries, Baker said in the news release, and be a part of the parent firm's paper products group headed by William M. Riegel, executive vice president of Southwest.

Plastronic will retain its name and the current management, including George A. Zinkil, Sr., president, and Richard A. Lewis and George A. Zinkil, Jr., vice presidents, will continue in their present positions.

The senior Zinkil is founder of

materials and related activities. It operates 31 divisions and subsidiaries with 106 operating facilities and plants in 31 states.

Plastronic Packaging, which sells the majority of its output of protective shipping containers in the Chicago market, employs some 150 people at its three plants.

It opened its first plant in Stevensville in 1960, and added the Ozark plant in 1971 and the Sparta operation in 1972.



GEORGE ZINKIL, Sr.
Stays as President

Court Says Gasoline Tax Suspension Petitions Invalid

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The Michigan Court of Appeals ruled today that gas tax petitions aimed at suspending the recent two-cent-per-gallon gasoline tax hike were unconstitutional.

The judges ruled the petitions could not be brought because the gas tax increase, which went into effect in February, was part of an appropriations act. Appropriations acts are not

subject to statewide referendum under the 1963 Michigan Constitution.

Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley earlier had said he felt the gas tax hike did not constitute an appropriations act and, therefore, the petitions were unconstitutional.

The Board of State Canvassers already had found through a random sampling that the petitions contained

more than 132,800 valid signatures of registered voters which were required to put the question to a statewide test.

The petition backers had hoped to clear the legal challenges and get the Board of State Canvassers to certify the petitions to suspend the gas tax until a statewide vote in the November, 1974 election.

The issue is certain to go to the Michigan Supreme Court,



WALKING PARTNER: Lt. Paul "Mike" Westwood, right, always accompanied Harry S. Truman on those early morning walks the President was noted for. Westwood retired Monday on his 65th birthday anniversary after 38 years with the Independence, Mo., police department. (AP Wirephoto)

THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
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Better Service Should Accompany Higher Rates

Sure, you pay more for a Chevy than you did 30 years ago. But it's a wonderfully better car — more on it, like air conditioning and power disc brakes — and ever so much smoother in its operation.

Government's costing more all the time, too. But the product doesn't get any better. Not infrequently it's worse — like postal service, for example.

It would have been nice if Postmaster General E. T. Klassen's call last week for postal rate increases had been accompanied by a pledge for better service.

If rates are to go up substantially, as Klassen proposes, there ought to be some reasonably firm assurance that postal service henceforth will be faster and more efficient than it has been.

Not promises — there have been

plenty of those — but firm assurance. One cannot quarrel with the postmaster general's complaint that "the cost-price squeeze has affected us as much as it has affected the rest of the economy." Klassen may need a reminder, though, that industry and agriculture have characteristically responded by striving to improve their efficiency.

Reports on Klassen's speech in which he proposed substantial rate boosts indicate no great determination to offer a corresponding improvement in service. He opined that if Congress doesn't approve the increase then "taxpayers are going to have to pay the price" of carrying the mail.

This is a markedly inadequate response to public demand for something often promised but not yet delivered.

U.S. Follows Italy In Lost-Time Column

So far this year the United States has been relatively free of major strikes. With the exception of the short-lived Chrysler strike, most contracts due for negotiation in 1973 have been settled with little disruption of operations. It is too early to say whether this pattern will hold or whether a new sophistication in labor-management problems has descended upon the industrial world. One factor which may have helped increase labor peace is the realization among both workers and management that may industries now face some of the toughest trade competition in world markets which has ever existed. The economic controls of 1973 also have had a dampening effect.

However, a study by The Conference Board shows the United States still ranks among the nations suffering from the highest rates of

lost time due to strikes. Reviewing lost time caused by strikes in nine major industrial nations — Italy, West Germany, Japan, Sweden, Israel, Australia, Great Britain, Argentina and the United States — the study found Italy had the highest number of days lost to strikes between 1960 and 1971.

Italy's lost time of 1,305 days a year for every thousand employees was followed by the United States with 510 days a year lost per thousand employees. The next highest was Australia with 299 days lost. Japan, one of the largest traders, has experienced one of the lowest strike records.

Past patterns could change overnight in today's highly volatile industrial world. But more than ever it is becoming obvious no one wins in a prolonged shutdown.

The Peaceful Wild Becomes A Battle Cry

"In wildness is the preservation of the world," Thoreau wrote. The words of the peaceful man from Walden Pond have become a battle cry for environmentalists trying to preserve as much as possible of the remaining wilderness areas in the United States. Under pressure from numerous conservation groups, Congress in 1964 passed the Wilderness Preservation Act and gave permanent legal protection to some nine million acres of untouched land, mostly the WEST. Now Congress is again under pressure to pass an Eastern Wilderness Act and preserve up to a million more acres in various states east of the Mississippi.

The question is, preserve the wilderness for whom? Groups like the Sierra Club and the Wilderness Society argue that wilderness is an end in itself, and that we must save for future generations areas heretofore untouched by humanity. They speak in almost mystical terms of the "wilderness experience" as a highly personal and deeply enriching sojourn into places where few have gone before. "Poppycock," counters the timber industry, which wants more national



Bruce Biossat

Human Problems At Peril Point



WASHINGTON (NEA) — One fundamental meaning of the incredible year 1973 is that, across nearly every front of human endeavor, this nation and the world are having it driven home that their problems are approaching the peril point.

Anyone who is fretting, either seriously or foolishly, about the rural poverty which afflicts such reasonably modern countries as Spain, Italy and Greece, should look hard before laying blame on anything so simple and obvious as incompetence, avarice, or oppression on the part of current governments — democratic or otherwise.

In the able-done natural history series called "The Continents We Live On," the volume on Europe tells the devastating and quite old truth of the matter. Through ignorance, indifference and greed, man virtually ruined the soil resources of the Mediterranean lands centuries ago — and is still at it.

What is new is that the world's growth in numbers and complexity has magnified the trouble until the danger is sinking into everybody's bones.

Here in this country, shortages and consequent high prices of fuel and food dramatize the danger. Today's devotees of "ecology" give it a new sound, with their stress upon waste and damage, contamination and pollution.

Let's look back. Oddly, we can do that without delving into history books but simply by scanning the present scene. The story lies easy at hand in the best atlases and in "picture books" which are realistic portraits of our continents. To quote from an essay in one:

"... the most vital resource of earth, soil, has been depleted



Jeffrey Holland

U.S. Allendists Making Scene

GLANCING BACKWARDS

DRUG CRACKDOWN SET IN BERRIEN — 1 Year Ago —

Officers from 10 police departments, plus the Berrien Metro Narcotics squad began serving 15 warrants this morning in one of the biggest crackdowns ever made against alleged drug traffic in north Berrien county.

The warrants cite a variety of narcotics — amphetamines, marijuana, hashish, LSD. Det. Lt. William Mihalik, commander of the Metro squad,

said the warrants name 14 persons with one person cited on two accounts.

LOCAL FOLKS TALK TO ROMNEY — 10 Years Ago —

Gov. George Romney, in St. Joseph this morning, started a busy day with a brisk constitutional, an hour and one-half series of five-minute interviews and several basketball shots this morning, before arriving at Benton Harbor's Vincent hotel to plug his tax program.

Only a handful of people were on hand to talk with the governor when he arrived at the 'Y' at 8:30 — a sharp contrast to the battery of newsmen who were present. But by 10 o'clock, when Romney was scheduled to leave for a public meeting, a good group of Berrien residents had arrived.

BOND QUOTA TOPPED IN SJ — 25 Years Ago —

St. Joseph exceeded its August and September war bond quotas by wide margins, Chairman Robert H. Ludwig reported today. The quota for each month was \$85,600.

War bond sales in August totaled \$139,477; in September, \$129,520. Thus, St. Joseph continues to keep its war bond record clear. The city has never failed to meet its monthly or special drive quotas.

CC MEETS AT BANQUET — 39 Years Ago —

The annual Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held Oct. 17, according to Secretary John G. Cox, with dinner at the Whitcomb hotel. The speaker will be Harvey Campbell, vice president and secretary of the Detroit Board of Commerce.

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BERRY'S WORLD

THE FAMILY LAWYER

Booby Traps

On the outskirts of town stood an old open-air theater, abandoned for years. The owner of the property, resentful of occasional trespassers, decided to get tough. He placed a small bomb under the stage, connecting it to a nearby door.

Sure enough, a few days later a youthful intruder opened the door, set off the bomb, and suffered fatal injuries.

Could the property owner be held legally liable for this tragedy? At a court hearing, he insisted he had the right to safeguard his property against any unlawful intrusion.

However, a court held him responsible for the young man's death.

"It is no defense," said the court, "that (the victim) was a trespasser. While the law authorizes an owner to protect his property by reasonable means, considerations of humanity preclude him from setting traps dangerous to the life and limb of those whose presence may be anticipated, even though they may be trespassers."

On the other hand, less drastic measures against trespassers have usually been upheld. One case involved a barbed-wire fence which a home owner put up to stop pedestrians from taking short cuts across his front lawn. This time, when an injured trespasser claimed damages, the court turned him down. The judge said the wire obstacle, in plain sight, was a reasonable way for the owner to prevent all, the act has satisfied none.

So the wilderness debate continues. "Wilderness — Whose Problem?" is the theme of the Sierra Club's 13th biennial wilderness conference which will be held in Boulder, Colo., on the weekend beginning Saturday, Oct. 6.

The meeting aims "to develop innovative solutions to wilderness problems" through such means as group dynamics and original papers from club members. Attendance will be limited to promote the interchange of ideas and develop "strategy and policy alternatives for future wilderness protection." No timber industry representatives are expected to attend.

"The idea that a man's house is his castle is not that it is his property. The sense in which the house has a peculiar immunity is that it is sacred for the protection of his person and his family."

A public service feature of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan. Written by Will Bernard.

HHH Won't Run

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. (AP)

— U.S. Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey says he will not seek the Democratic presidential nomination in 1976.

The average iceberg that drifts as far south as Newfoundland and the Atlantic shipping lanes has a volume of 5,000,000 cubic feet and weighs 150,000 tons, compared with 50,000,000 cubic feet and 1,500,000 tons when it was glacier born three years earlier, the National Geographic Society says.



EDITOR'S MAILBAG

SIRK PARENTS THANK FRIENDS

Editor,

During our son's convalescence in Mercy hospital, he has received many acts of kindness from more than 50 individuals, families and business places.

The response to James' misfortune has been overwhelming. It takes a tragedy like this to realize just how many good people there are.

Friends have contributed flowers, money, personal items and cards along with prayers and blood. These have a significant effect in aiding his recovery.

We give the Lord all of his deserving glory for his healing power and also give credit to the doctors and nurses for the good care given our son, James W. Sirk.

James P. and Virginia Sirk
Benton Harbor

EDITOR'S NOTE

The above letter is from the mother and father of James W. Sirk, 24, who was seriously wounded by a gunshot during a robbery Sept. 17 of the Petco service station, 2091 Territorial road, where he was employed. He is still in Mercy hospital.

Five Year Term
For \$1.5 Million

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — A former bank president was sentenced Monday to five years in a federal penitentiary for embezzlement and misuse of about \$1.5 million in bank funds.

Richard Hardwood, 47, formerly president of the People's State Bank of Tawas City, pleaded guilty in a February to three counts of a 36-count indictment. He later pleaded guilty to three related charges of bank misappropriation.

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Twin City
Highlights

Tennis Court Dedication October 10

John Stubblefield Honored In SJ

BY DICK DERRICK
SJ City Editor

Dedication of the John S. Stubblefield tennis courts, major part of a \$131,000 athletic facility in St. Joseph, is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10.

The seven lighted courts which are covered with an all-weather asphalt surface are



JOHN S. STUBBLEFIELD
Will attend ceremony

complete and tennis enthusiasts are showing up in ever increasing numbers.

Named in honor of John S. Stubblefield, president of the Peoples State Bank of St. Joseph and a long-time tennis enthusiast, the courts symbolize his long campaign to promote the sport in the Twin Cities area.

Friends of Stubblefield and tennis enthusiasts have raised \$29,000 which has been lumped with state and federal funds to not only build the first class tennis facility but to build two Little League baseball diamonds at Wells field and rebuild a baseball diamond at Dickinson park.

Stubblefield also assisted a citizens committee which developed an all-weather, rubberized running track at Dickinson stadium next to the St. Joseph High school.

The dedication of the tennis facility will start out with speeches and end up in some pretty high-class racket wielders.

Stan Drobac, former Big 10 singles and doubles champion, and currently varsity tennis coach at Michigan State University, is scheduled to tangle with Jim Mansfield of Niles, formerly No. 1 tennis player at Purdue University.

Then Drobac will team up with Fred Sadewater, tennis professional at the Point of Woods and the chalets.

Mansfield and Andy Thomas will play the doubles team after the singles match.

Pearson Construction Co. of Benton Harbor was the general contractor.

Former St. Joseph mayor, W. H. (Duke) Ehrenberg will be the master of ceremonies with Mayor Franklin H. Smith and Mrs. Flo Ferrell, chairman of the tennis committee to speak at the dedication. Stubblefield will respond.

Classes will be held Wednesdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Veteran's Hall, 415 Lake boulevard, St. Joseph. Instructors are Lawrence P. Long and Mrs. Flo Ferrell. Dog owners may register by calling Mrs. Alice Willis, 4717 Washington avenue, St. Joseph, after 6 p.m.

Courses For Dogs Set

The Twin Cities dog obedience school has announced registration for fall classes will begin Oct. 17, with both basic and advanced classes offered.

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First UCF Drive Report Thursday

United Community Fund will hold its first report luncheon of the current campaign this Thursday, Oct. 4.

The meeting will be held at noon in the Lakeview room of the YWCA in St. Joseph.

Luncheon tickets are \$1.50 each.

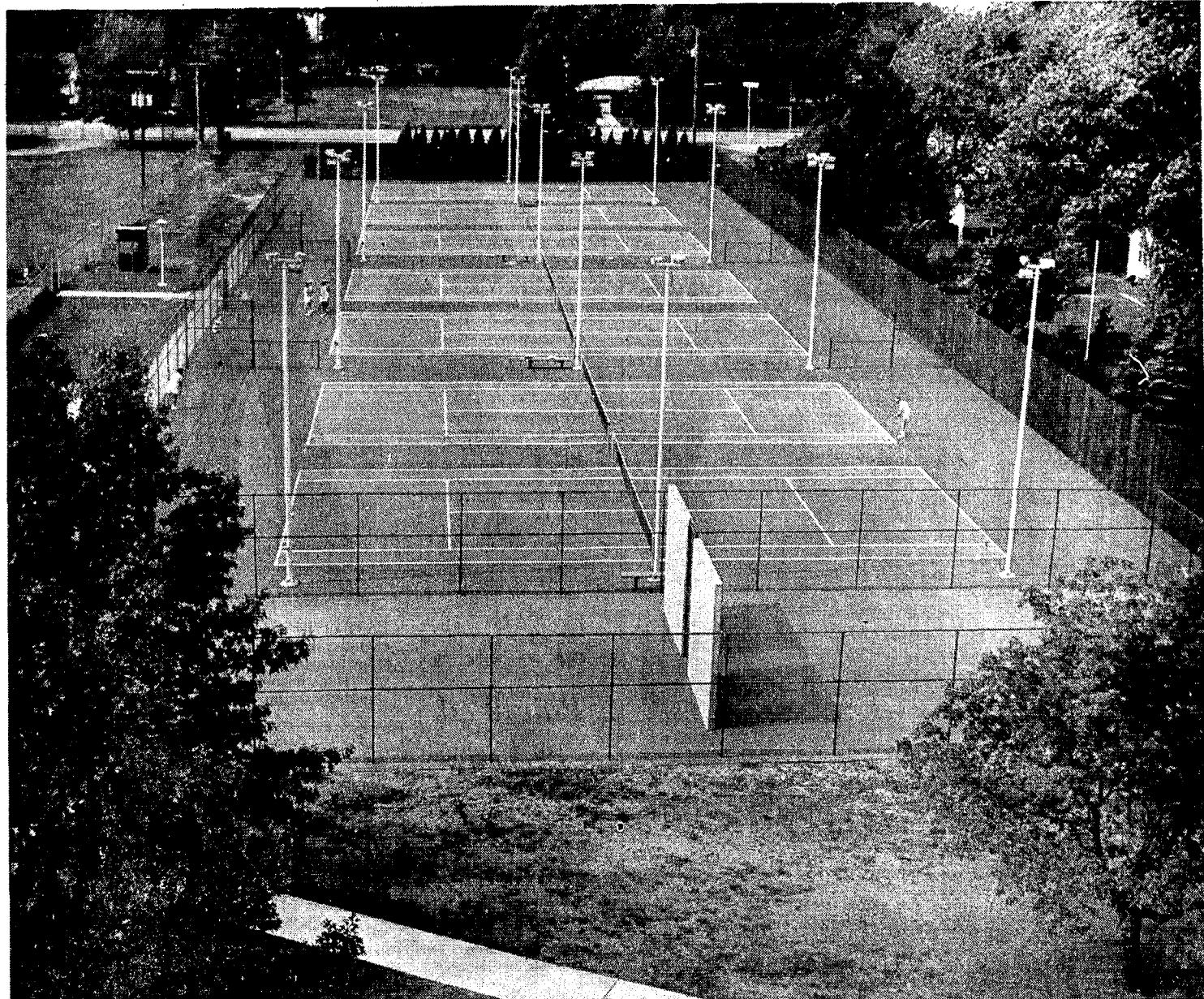
Dr. Donald Robach, UCF campaign chairman, today urged all United Fund volunteers to attend and turn in all

results of solicitations to date. At last week's UCF campaign kickoff, Robach reported that the drive now has pledges of \$153,715, or 25 per cent of the campaign goal of \$618,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kraatz are chairmen of UCF report meetings. They announced that W. Klee Crumbine will act as master of ceremonies at this Thursday's meeting.



JOIN POLICE FORCE: Marianne Haisch, 28, (left) and Connie Medders, 31, both of Benton Harbor, have been sworn in as members of the Benton Harbor police force. Following eight weeks of instruction at the Muskegon Community college police academy, the two will assume duties as regular patrolmen. Both have had extensive experience as security guards throughout Twin City stores over the past five years. (Staff photo)



NEW SJ TENNIS COURTS: These are the new John S. Stubblefield tennis courts at St. Joseph high

school which will be dedicated 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10. The seven lighted courts are part of a

\$131,000 athletic facility paid for with a combination of local, state and federal funds. (Staff photo)

Benton Is Target In Beetle Fight

BY ALAN AREND
Staff Writer

The Michigan Department of Agriculture will be treating approximately 1,200 acres of land, mostly in Benton township, this month in an effort to help prevent the spread of Japanese beetles.

Part of the City of Benton Harbor—a triangular area between Britain avenue, Pipestone street and Fair avenue—and a small pocket in Chikaming township will also be treated, according to Robert Scheffler, assistant supervisor of the department's plant industry division regional office in Benton Harbor.

He said the job of treating the soil with chlordane insecticide will begin as soon as the rainy weather breaks and will take about a month providing the weatherman cooperates.

Chlordane will be applied at the rate of four pounds per acre with ground equipment. None of the application will be made

from the air.

Two summers ago, large numbers of the beetle, a voracious eater that feeds indiscriminately on turf and many types of plants, were discovered

in the Twin Cities by the department's trapping program. Some 3,000 acres were treated against the pest in the fall of 1971 in the Twin Cities.

The following summer it was

found that the treatment proved most effective.

This summer an extensive trapping program around the Twin Cities which featured 25 traps per square mile, showed

that a buildup of Japanese beetles has occurred northeast of Benton Harbor in Benton township, mainly around the south half of the Benton Harbor airport and in the House of David area.

This area adjacent to and nearly surrounding the Benton Harbor fruit market if not controlled, could be put under quarantine which would endanger the shipment of fruit and vegetables from the market.

Bertrand township in south Berrien county has been under quarantine due to the beetle for some time. No treating will be done in that township this year, according to Scheffler.

The insecticide applied this fall will kill the beetles when they emerge as larvae, or grubs, next spring after overwintering deep in the ground. The insecticide is a granular material applied by hand.

Scheffler said the department's program is holding the Japanese beetle "in good control and the situation is by no means out of hand." This fall's treatment is for the purpose of maintaining that control. He said occupants of land to be hand-sprayed will be notified of the department's intentions prior to applying the material.

Co-Op Sues To Protect Grapes Under Contract

By STEVE MCQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — In what could become a complex legal battle for access to grape crops across the nation, the National Grape Co-op has sought here and been granted a restraining order temporarily preventing a Paw Paw winery from buying grapes under contract to the co-op.

Van Buren Circuit Court Judge David Anderson Jr. signed the temporary restraining order late yesterday after a complaint was filed for the co-op by Paw Paw Attorney Sheldon Rupert.

The complaint claims that contracts between co-ops and growers are protected by state statutes and that on Sept. 24 Warner Vineyards knowingly purchased 15 tons of grapes previously under contract to the co-op.

The complaint also claims that unless such contracts are

enforced, the co-op could suffer loss in revenue.

Rupert said that "as far as I know this is the first court test case" of the statute in this state that is similar to statutes in other states where fruit is produced.

Other attorneys speculated that the outcome of the case, if contested, could have national consequences for the grape co-op and other co-ops across the nation.

Other persons said that the grapes have become a sensitive issue this year because half the annual production in this area was destroyed by a spring frost.

The complaint by the National Grape Co-op also asks for a permanent restraining order, an issue that would be settled at a later date if the matter is contested.

National Grape Co-op is headquartered in New York and a subsidiary, Welch Foods, Inc., has one of several grape processing plants in Lawton. It has grower-members in some 10 states. Members are under contract to deliver their grapes to the co-op.

St. Joe Elks To Hold Bingo In Remodeled Temple Lanes

St. Joseph Elks club will start the first legal bingo in St. Joseph Friday at 7 p.m. in a hall remodeled specifically for the game.

Exalted Ruler Ray Horndasch said the lower level of the Elks lodge, 518 Broad street, is being remodeled into a site for the games. Air conditioning has been installed and new furniture purchased.

The site of the bingo room was the former Temple bowling alley.

Horndasch said the newly remodeled room will be available on a rental basis to other organizations.

The Elks' bingo will be the first in St. Joseph since the games were legalized by the state legislature earlier this year. St. Joseph Catholic church parish conducts a game in its Stevensville annex.

Horndasch said the public is invited to play.

BH, Benton Housing Projects Will No Longer Accept Cash

The Benton Harbor and Benton township housing commissions announced they will no longer accept cash for rent payments from persons residing in housing commission dwellings.

Sammie Smith, director, said the new policy was adopted because of rising crime rates, and noted other housing commissions across the country are adopting similar policies. There will be little cash in the various commission offices now, he said.

All residents must now pay rent with either a money order or certified check — no cash or personal checks will be accepted. The change affects some 2,000 persons living in Harbor Towers, Plaza Manor, Blossom Acres, Buss avenue apartments, McCord apartments and about 40 leased housing units.

Commission offices in Harbor Towers, Plaza Manor, Blossom Acres, and 722 East Washington street will be open from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A tight new land sales law has shut down all but nine of the state's 1,400 firms.

The nine received full approval to continue operating Monday. The others cannot sell land in Michigan or out until state approval is granted under the Land Sales Act, effective Monday.

The law, requiring detailed reports on titles, contracts, advertising methods and other aspects of the business, is designed to protect buyers from such abuses as misleading or false advertising, high-pressure sales tactics, unfulfilled promises and refusal or inability to deliver clear title.

State Licensing Director Beverly Clark said only 120 developers have filed registration forms and of the 67 that have been fully reviewed, only about one sixth passed inspection.

Developers can be denied the right to operate if shortcomings found on the forms are not corrected.

The law allows buyers to cancel contracts at any time after purchase and before the sales agreement is signed if the seller does not provide a copy of a

state title report.

The buyer also can cancel the contract for any reason during a five-day cooling-off period.

Violation of most sections of the law is a misdemeanor but under certain circumstances, the act provides for punishment ranging up to a \$25,000 fine and 10 years in prison or both.

The Michigan Land Development Association is advising developers who have not received approval to close their doors until approval is obtained.

Harry Bloch and Don Bollman, both among those who received state approval before the Oct. 1 deadline, are in favor of the law.

"It's the best thing that ever happened in this industry," said Bloch, president of Bloch Brothers Corp., "Michigan's Land Sales Act is a difficult law," said Bollman. "A developer has simply got to be legitimate."

3 HURT IN FIRE

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — Two hotel guests and a policeman were injured slightly Monday night when a fire forced evacuation of an estimated 75 guests from the nine-story Park Place Hotel.

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Area
Highlights

Involves Atomic Plant

Van Buren Trio Fights Tax Loss

COVERT — Combined action by three Van Buren governmental bodies to fight in court a state ordered property tax exemption for the Palisades nuclear power plant here was

unveiled last night.

The exemption, according to a spokesman for the three, would cut an estimated \$425,000 yearly from potential property tax revenue for the three as well as

two other taxing bodies. Covert township, Covert school district and Van Buren commissioners were joined in the effort.

Involved is a state Tax com-

mission decision exempting \$27 million worth of the \$130 million development from property taxes. The \$27 million covers cooling towers and a radwaste system at the Consumer Power

company plant.

State action came as the result of a state law providing for exemptions on installations to protect the environment. It would remove the amount ef-

fective this year.

The state commission had previously exempted another \$9 million worth of the development from property taxation for similar reasons.

Action by the three bodies came in an agreement to hire a Kalamazoo law firm to appeal the ruling in the state court of appeals. The firm, Bauckham, Reid, Land and Schaefer, is also appealing the \$9 million exemption.

Confirmation of the decision came during the township board meeting last night. A formal report (minutes) of a special Sept. 24 meeting of representatives of the trio was accepted by the board.

Supervisor Jerry Sarno, who estimated the tax loss from \$425,000 to \$450,000, said the county's intermediate school district and Lake Michigan college were the other two taxing units affected.

Taxes are acquired by applying a tax rate to taxable worth of property.

In other areas, the township board adopted a new fee schedule for grave openings in the township cemetery. Fees, effective Oct. 1, are to be \$75 for weekdays, \$100 on Saturdays and \$125 on Sundays with infant grave openings remaining at \$15 each. Under the schedule, \$20 for each grave opening goes to the township with the sexton claiming the remainder.

Previously, a flat \$65 fee was charged for adult grave openings.

Township trustees Mrs. Viola Logan, Mrs. Carolyn Stuckum and Fred Williams were named to a committee to study pay structures of police departments of comparable size to Covert and make recommendations for a salary schedule at the November meeting.

Sarno reported he still has hope that critical drainage problems at Covert cemetery number one will be corrected before winter. He said that during a delay in getting state approval for work along M-140 the contractor undertook other work in the area.

Sarno said that beginning next year, homestead tax exemptions for senior citizens and veterans will be handled by the state in form of income tax rebates. He said this means those eligible for tax exemptions will pay their taxes and get a refund from the state.

He said the new law also provides for tax relief for senior citizens and veterans who pay rent. Previously renters were not eligible, he noted.

The new forms for tax exemption will be available at most public buildings after Nov. 1, Sarno said.

Three Oaks
Township Board
Meets Tonight

THREE OAKS — Three Oaks township board changed its meeting from last night until tonight in the township hall because the clerk was called out of town unexpectedly.



IRENE SOSA VASQUEZ
Fellowship recipient

\$6,300 College Grant Awarded South Havenite

SOUTH HAVEN — Irene Sosa Vasquez, of 54 Elkenburg street, South Haven, has been selected for a Ford Foundation graduate fellowship worth \$6,300.

The award was one of 570 made to minority group members out of 2,200 applicants from across the nation. The awards are designed to increase the number of minority-group members pursuing careers as scholars or college teachers.

Mrs. Vasquez is doing graduate work in the history of religion at the University of Chicago. She is a graduate of Western Michigan University. Her parents Mr. and Mrs. Juan Vasquez live in Holland.

According to the foundation, the fellowship covers tuition and fees and provides a monthly stipend of \$250 to meet living costs. It is renewable if the recipient maintains satisfactory progress.



HONORED FOR BRAVERY: South Haven Mayor Richard Lewis, left, presents citation of bravery to Robert Flood, a city lifeguard who rescued an Illinois man this summer on city's north beach. The man was being pulled out into Lake Michigan by undertow when Flood made rescue, nearly drowning himself in process. (Tom Renner photo)

Bridgeman Eyes Water Rate Hike

BRIDGEMAN — The possibility of raising Bridgeman city's water rates was ordered investigated by Mayor Wayne Mabry last night.

Mabry ordered the city commission's water committee to take up the matter because, he said, present water revenue is not sufficient to meet water department costs.

The present minimum rate is \$3 for the first 3,000 gallons.

The mayor said the present rates were established about 10 years ago.

He also asked the water committee to consider making water billings on a quarterly basis, rather than monthly as now done. He said the monthly billings involves too much office work.

In other business during last night's city commission meeting, the Michigan Public Service commission notified the city in a letter that the city must pay its half of costs for warning signals at the Baldwin road and Church street railroad crossings within 240 days from Sept. 12.

Originally, the state commis-

U.S. Savings Bonds Awarded Carriers

Nine Newsboys Receive Top \$100 Prizes

Eighty-seven carriers of The News-Palladium and The Herald-Press have been awarded U.S. Savings Bonds for conscientious service and good citizenship.

Charles Bowie, circulation manager of the sister newspapers, said the Achievement and Efficiency Awards are

based on outstanding performance on routes, good citizenship and scholastic achievement.

"The awards reflect a carrier's ability in accepting a newspaper route and his ability to maintain it," Bowie said. "The awards are conferred on a basis of 50 per cent route

management, 25 per cent for maintaining good scholastic standing and 25 per cent for citizenship."

Nearly 800 carriers have received Savings Bonds with a maturity value of \$35,000 since the awards started in 1960. Bonds are awarded with maturity values of \$25, \$50 and \$100.

The awards are not a circulation contest. Route management is judged by circulation staff of the newspapers. Scholarship and citizenship information is obtained from schools the carriers attend.

Nine carriers this year won \$100 bonds — Donald Turney, David Dorr, James Ziemer, Richard Ziegert and Kevin Kiernan, Herald-Press carriers; and David Morris, Jeffery Melvin, Michael VanLoon and C. Jay Petlick, News-Palladium carriers.

Richard Ziegert, a carrier five years, also won a \$100 bond in 1972. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ziegert, 1017 State street, St. Joseph.

Addresses and parents of the other \$100 winners:

Kevin Kiernan, 204 North Elm street, Three Oaks, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Kiernan; Donald Turney, 433 Upton drive, St. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Turney; David Dorr, 1209 Mohawk Lane, St. Joseph, Mrs. Marilyn Dorr; James Ziemer, 1841 Clearwood drive, Stevensville, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziemer.

David Morrison, 1100 Orchard avenue, St. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Morrison; Jeffery Melvin, 703 Spruce street,

Dowagiac, Mr. and Mrs. George Melvin; Michael VanLoon, 230 Lucinda Lane, Watervliet, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence VanLoon; C. Jay Petlick, 1547 road, Benton

Harbor, Mr. and Mrs. Cass Petlick.

Pictures of other winners also will be published in this newspaper.

Judge Orders ADC Dad Jailed

One dad was jailed, another was threatened with jail and a third was told to pay off \$684.50

arrears for one child on ADC at \$5 weekly.

Judge Julian Hughes found Jack Jones, Jr., 28, of 275 Brunson, Benton Harbor, in contempt for \$469 arrears for one child on ADC and ordered him jailed 60 days, George Westfield, Berrien friend of the court, reported.

Jones may be released on making financial and job

arrangements with Westfield.

Judge William S. White ordered Richard Ingles, of 276 Colfax, Benton Harbor, to pay off \$593 arrears for two children not on ADC in six months or spend six months in jail, Westfield reported. He's also to pay \$23 weekly support.

Patrick McDonald, of John Beers road, Stevensville, was ordered by Judge White to pay \$15 weekly support for one child on ADC and pay \$5 weekly on \$684.50 arrears, Westfield reported.

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Left: Bud Kerlikowske, Stevensville councilman; Ray Rogers, director; John F. Morlock, director; Arthur Kasewurm, village president; William F. Early, executive vice president; Gregory Longpre, branch manager; William H. (Duke) Ehrenberg, director; Warren Van Osdal of Village Square, Inc., director; Irma R. Weede, assistant secretary-treasurer; Ray F. Iannelli, Village Square, Inc.; Clara Quardokus, secretary-treasurer; Walter Rutz, director; and Kenneth F. Gustafson, president of St. Joseph Savings and Loan Association. (Staff Photo)

GRAND OPENING UNDERWAY: Grand opening festivities for the new Stevensville office of the St. Joseph Savings and Loan located in the Village Square will continue this week until 4 p.m. Friday. The office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At the ribbon cutting yesterday are, from

left: Bud Kerlikowske, Stevensville councilman; Ray Rogers, director; John F. Morlock, director; Arthur Kasewurm, village president; William F. Early, executive vice president; Gregory Longpre, branch manager; William H. (Duke) Ehrenberg, director; Warren Van Osdal of Village Square, Inc., director; Irma R. Weede, assistant secretary-treasurer; Ray F. Iannelli, Village Square, Inc.; Clara Quardokus, secretary-treasurer; Walter Rutz, director; and Kenneth F. Gustafson, president of St. Joseph Savings and Loan Association. (Staff Photo)